

District 2 Newsletter



I am proud to announce that District 2's face-lift is in full force. District 2 has never seen this much progress all at one time. I am truly excited by all the upcoming changes that will lead to the prosperity and success for the constituents of District 2.

The E. Houston St. and E. Commerce St. repair projects are on schedule. With these brand new streets, district 2 will have two corridors that will attract businesses and pull-in tourism from downtown. Crime is down significantly, and I am working with the SAPD to implement cutting edge technologies and programs to continue this trend. Streets are being repaired that have been neglected for far too many years. Parks are being renovated, and let's not forget that District 2 was the host for the largest Martin Luther King Jr. March in the nation at over 60,000 people. I have also established a board consisting of some of the top minds in San Antonio. This board will serve as a think tank dedicated to the pressing issues of District 2.

To be a small part of this great time in District 2's history is an honor. All of the great things that are happening couldn't have happened without the hard work and dedication of the fine people that I represent. Thank you for all your help and support.

Joel Williams

COUNCIL DISTRICT 2



WHAT YOUR REP HAS DONE FOR YOU

- ◆ HELPED TO HOST THE LARGEST MLK MARCH IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.
- ◆ TWO NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS
- ◆ SINCLAIR RD. LITTER CLEANED UP
- ◆ CRIME REDUCED BY OVER 60%
- ◆ ONLY COUNCILMAN IN THIS ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE TWO FIELD OFFICES
- ◆ WORKING TO BRING A STATE OF THE ART HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO THE DISTRICT
- ◆ FIXING THE LOW WATER CROSSING ON SINCLAIR RD.
- ◆ RENOVATING LAKESIDE PARK
- ◆ NEW LIBRARY FOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
- ◆ NUMEROUS FAMILIES HELPED TO MAKE ENDS MEET THROUGH CORPORATE SPONSORS
- ◆ ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY BOARD WITH LOCAL ACADEMICS TO ADVISE ON PRESSING DISTRICT ISSUES
- ◆ BUILDING UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT
- ◆ BRINGING MORE BUSINESS TO THE AREA
- ◆ IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION WITHIN DISTRICT 2
- ◆ BRINGING MORE HIGH-TECH JOBS TO THE DISTRICT

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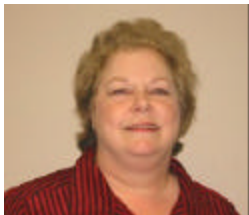
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CLEANING UP DISTRICT 2 Fair Child Tours City Hall

District 2 will be participating in a new pilot program for automated trash collection. The new program allows for numerous benefits. Crews will be reduced to one person. The program improves the work environment and increases the productivity of the routes. As a result overall operation costs are cut.

The pilot program is scheduled to begin its 6 month trial period in June. District 2 will be the proud hosts of one of the pilot locations. The test area will be bounded on the North by Lord Rd., to the East by 410, on the South by Rigsby, and on the west by the eastern borders of Southeast Side and Wheatley Heights neighborhood associations.



Recently Councilman Williams gave the students at Fair Child Park a tour of City Hall. The kids were shown where the councilman works and what he does. At the end of the tour the councilman sat down with the kids, answered all their questions, and introduced them to the entire city council.

Councilman Williams Gathers District 2 Community Leaders

Councilman Williams’ town hall meeting on March 8th was well received with almost every neighborhood association in attendance. The councilman began with introductions and an opening statement on the state of District 2. Councilman Williams is working to improve as much of District 2 as he can, but he needs communities to be proactive within their own neighborhoods. Councilman Williams is doing as much as he possibly can with the city’s limited resources.

After the councilman’s introduction, the floor was opened to the neighborhood association representatives. Everyone commended the councilman on his due diligence, and through open dialogue, the councilman was able to work through everyone’s concerns. Councilman Williams was able to answer numerous concerns, and will continue to work closely with neighborhood associations in hopes of identifying and solving problems early.



Open House A Huge Success



On February 7th Councilman Joel Williams had an open house for his Sterling Bank field office. Council members

were in attendance along with ex-councilman alas. Many city departments were represented, including SAWS, CPS, SAPD, and Public Works. With their help, constituents and community leaders were able to have their issues addressed while enjoying refreshments provided by the councilman. The field office is an open forum for the constituents of District 2, and the councilman hopes that everyone will take advantage of his open door policy.



Gateway to San Antonio TV Show



Recently Councilman Williams taped his TV show “Gateway to San Antonio.” The show is the first in a series the councilman will be recording to inform the citizens of District 2 about what is going on in their backyards. The councilman also hopes that the show will help constituents to see the big picture for District 2.

For the first edition Councilman Williams focused on crime reduction within the District and current street maintenance projects. The first show will air April 2nd at 1:00 pm on channel 21, and from then on the show will air every Monday at 8:00 pm, Wednesday at 8:30 am, and Friday at 1:00 pm. A new show will be taped every few months.

Sinclair Road gets a clean sweep

Councilman Williams, BFI, and the Christian Boot Campers teamed up on March 16th to clean-up Sinclair Road from Lakeland Dr. to loop 410. The street was littered with



couches, recliners, old batteries, and just about everything else.

Councilman Williams addresses concerns along E. Houston St.

Councilman Williams had the pleasure of addressing issues that have arisen along E. Houston Street. Over 50 constituents were in attendance along with several city departments. The main concerns addressed were crime, homelessness in the area, and street repairs.

East Side Substation Commander, Cris Anderson provided an excellent presentation on the police department’s presence on the East Side. Crime is down significantly, and he has promised to maintain a vigilant presence along the troubled spots. He addressed the necessity for community policing. The police department has only limited resources, so it is essential that communities get involved with programs such as SAFFE, HEAT, and Cellular on Patrol. For more information please call 207-7484.

Another concern involved the homeless that have been living in and around Murphy Healy Park. After a presentation by parks and recreation, two remedies were reached. The first looked at repairing the fence along Dawson Alley. The other called for Murphy Healy to become an alcohol free park. Parks and recreation has promised to research these ideas and work with the constituents to make Murphy Healy a safer park for everyone. Community Initiatives also made the audience aware of the shelters that are available within the area.



Street repairs were of great interest to everyone. Businesses along the corridor are concerned with when the street will be completed, and where also curious if more night time lighting can be expected. Public works expects Houston Street to be completed by 2006, and a representative from TXDOT is working with the business owners on their lighting issue.

The meeting was a huge success, and everyone came away with his or her issues addressed. The councilman is looking into everyone’s concerns and plans to have a follow-up meeting to discuss the progress that has been made.

Councilman Williams Speaks at Northwest Vista College

Councilman Williams had the pleasure of speaking at Northwest Vista College March 8th. He spoke to students studying the history of politics at all levels of government. The councilman emphasized the need for everyone to learn from history, and discussed how important it is for people to get involved in their government. Voting is the voice of the people, and Councilman Williams expressed how lucky he is to represent such an active and involved community as district 2.

One of the main concerns brought forth by the students, are the relations between Hispanics and African Americans. The students had no idea how appropriate their question was for the councilman. Councilman Williams represents a very diversified district. With such a diverse district the councilman must represent his constituents regardless of race. Councilman Williams is diligently working to do what is best for the success and prosperity of District 2.

